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Sbc Membership Tops 11.3 Million

NASHVILLE (BP) — Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased to 11.3 million during 1968, the denomination's research and statistics department reported here in its annual report.

Although total church membership increased 189,503 over the 1967 membership figures, decreases were reported in Sunday School, Brotherhood (laymen's groups), and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollments, and in the number of baptisms.

The statistics were based on reports from 34,295 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was up 148 from the number reported last year.

The research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board, which tabulated the report, estimated that churches affiliated with the SBC contain 43 per cent of the membership of all Baptist churches in the nation.

Ranked second, according to the estimate, was the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., said Martin Bradley, secretary of the department.

The number of churches increased by 148 over the 1967 report, but the increase was 50 less than the increase in 1967. A net increase was reported for cities of 10,000 or more population, but all location classifications of less than 10,000 population reported a net loss.

The number of baptisms (conversions) reported by SBC churches was 373,025. Although this is 5,912 less than the 1967 figure, it is one of the higher totals in recent years Bradley reported.

Decreases were reported in enrollments of Sunday School, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union organizations. Music ministry enrollment increased for the third consecutive year.

Because of new reporting methods for Training Union (church training) enrollment and necessary validation of these figures, enrollment for Training Union will be reported separately at a later date, Bradley said.

Sunday School enrollment dropped by 33,090 to a new total of 7,545,513. This represents the fourth consecutive

annual decrease after 22 consecutive years of increase.

Vacation Bible School enrollment totaled 3,277,705, a drop of 212,620. The decrease in the number of schools conducted was 1,872 to a total of 28,829.

The Brotherhood (men and boys' missions organization) had an enrollment of 448,738, a decrease of 9,032. Woman's Missionary Union (missions organization for women and girls) reported an enrollment of 1,407,673, a decrease of 36,791.

Music ministry enrollment continued to increase, but not as rapidly as last year. An increase of 19,160 brought its total to 1,038,290. The amount of increase was 54,968 less than the 74,126 increase of 1967.

Giving by Southern Baptist continued upward. Total tithes, offerings, and special gifts amounted to \$761,898,138, up more than \$50 million.

Contributions to missions increased

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Foundation Heads Meet In State

The annual meeting of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives will be held in Jackson Feb. 25-27, according to Rev. Carey E. Cox, Jackson executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, host to the event.

This meeting, to be attended by State Baptist Foundation executives and other denominational leaders from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, will be meeting this year in Mississippi for the second time, and for the first time in several years.

Thomas W. Nelson, of Jefferson City, Mo., executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, and president of the association, will preside and deliver the president's address at the opening session Tuesday morning.

Mr. Nelson is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Featured speakers will include Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., and first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, executive director, Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; George Shearin, Dallas, associate secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas, and Mitchell Cantrell, insurance executive, also from Dallas.

Devotionals will be brought by Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor Alta Woods Baptist Church; Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor Calvary Baptist Church; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor Parkway Baptist Church, and Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, all of Jackson.

Dr. Spencer was executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation two years ago when the invitation to meet in the state was extended and has cooperated with Mr. Cox in making plans for the meeting.

Dr. Spencer has since retired as executive secretary and was succeeded by Mr. Cox.

Highlights of the meeting will include

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State Pastors In Washington- Oregon Crusade

Thirty-eight Mississippi Baptist pastors and other leaders are currently in the states of Washington and Oregon where they are participating as evangelists in the Crusade of Americas for those states.

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, director of the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor of the project, said that the over-all Crusade dates are Feb. 16 - March 2, with each church setting its own dates within that period.

Those scheduled to make the Crusade, along with Dr. Sansing, are as follows:

Rev. Albert Breazeale, Shaw; Rev. Athen McNeil, Pascagoula; Dr. J. Harold Stephens, Hattiesburg; Rev. G. Arnett McCoy, Brice; Rev. Bill R. Baker, Calhoun City; Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, Yazoo City; Rev. Paul Harwood, Lyon; Rev. Curtis Berry, Water Valley; Rev. O. B. Beyerly, Woodville; Rev. Joel E. Haire, Water Valley.

Rev. James A. Hurt, Cleveland; Rev. Malcolm A. Jones, Houston; Rev. Ira Bright, Houston; Rev. Tom W. Dunlap, Natchez; Dr. J. L. Briggman, Tylertown; Rev. Harris Counce, Jr., Iuka; Rev. John G. Brock, Meridian; Rev. Paul H. Leber, Moss Point; Rev. Larry G. Rohman, Biloxi; Rev. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., Newton; Rev. Van H. Hardin, Moss Point; Rev. Julian West, Houka; Rev. Charles C. Brock, Gulfport; Rev. Charles M. Conley, Sardis.

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Institute For Pastoral Care Of Ill Held At Baptist Hospital

Several leaders at the ninth annual Institute of Pastoral Care of the Ill held Feb. 11 at Baptist Hospital are seen, from left: Paul Pryor, hospital administrator; Rev. Gordon Shamburger, chaplain; Dr. David J. VanLandingham, of hospital staff, speaker; Dr. C. Roy Woodruff, Bryce Hospital staff.

Tucaleosa, Ala. speaker; Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions of Hinds-Madison Association, co-sponsor of Institute, and Dr. L. Dudley Wilson, pastor Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, speaker.

SBC Will Feature Social Aspects And Evangelism

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The 1969 session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled here June 10-13 will emphasize both evangelism and social ethics, the committee which planned the convention program has announced.

The proposed agenda for the annual meeting of the 11-million member convention was released by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Richard Kay, director of the church services division of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California in Fresno, Calif.

Citing an effort to obtain a balanced program for the four-day session, the committee pointed out that the Friday afternoon and Friday evening closing sessions of the convention will feature an evangelistic emphasis being planned and conducted by Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas and the SBC Home Mission Board.

The Friday morning session will emphasize "the much discussed area of social ethics and related areas" with both the reports of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, and the SBC Christian Life Commission, in addition to the report of the resolutions committee.

The committee's statement also pointed out that they believed Southern Baptists "should not always just 'hear from ourselves' but should periodically hear from those outside our own convention constituency."

The two "outside" speakers, both Baptists from other conventions, enlisted by the committee were S. M. Lockridge, Negro pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, Calif.; and Culbert Rutenber, president

and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass.

In announcing the two "outside" speakers, the committee said: "There are no hidden meanings or motives, just a desire to be exposed to what is best of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass."

around us so we can more effectively relate in our total work."

The committee on order of business also pointed out that special emphasis will be made on Wednesday evening in a "Shaping the Seventies Presentation" by the SBC Sunday School Board.

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Reception Is Planned For Executive Secretary

The public is invited to a reception for Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the newly elected Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, to be held at the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building in Jackson Friday evening, Feb. 28 from 8:00 until 10:00 o'clock.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, president of the Board, said that the reception would be held in the Foyer on the first floor.

(A copy of the invitation to the reception is seen accompanying this article.)

The Executive Committee of the Board will meet at 11:00 a. m. that day with a full meeting of the Board and guests to be held in the chapel at 1:00 p. m.

At 2:00 p. m. an informal reception for Board members and guests will be held in the multi-purpose room with open house for Board members and guests to be held from 2:30 - 4:00 p. m., Dr. Moore added.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

invites you to attend a reception

in honor of

DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS

new Executive Secretary

to be held in the

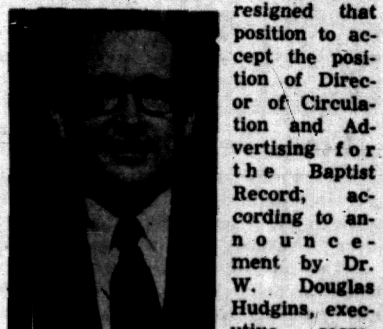
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BUILDING

Friday evening, February twenty-eighth

from eight until ten o'clock

Sellers Accepts Record Post

William H. Sellers, for the past three years, minister of Music and youth for First Church, Canton, has



resigned that position to accept the position of Director of Circulation and Advertising for the Baptist Record, according to an announcement by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mr. Sellers succeeds Rev. Bill Duncan, who resigned the position last summer to accept the pastorate of First Church, Brandon. Mr. Duncan

time basis, since moving to the church field.

Mr. Sellers' resignation of the work at Canton becomes effective when a new pastor is called and moves to the field. He will serve the Baptist Record on a part time basis until that time.

Mr. Sellers, better known as "Bill" to his friends, is a native of Franklin, Tenn.

Mr. Sellers holds a B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and a Bachelor of Church Music degree from the School of Church Music, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He has served churches in Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi. He has also served in this same position at First Church, Vicksburg, and Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian.

Mr. Sellers has been ordained to the ministry of the Gospel and is an Armed Forces veteran. While serving in Korea (1955-56), he directed a men's chorus in his off-duty hours for his base chapel.

Mr. Sellers has 6 1/2 years of banking experience and served as bookkeeper for the college during his college days.

Mr. Sellers' wife was formerly Miss Jeanette Anderson of Petal and was

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Fourteen Baptist Student Summer Missionaries Named For 1969



David Wallace to Michigan

Kathy Harvill to Ghana

Bradley Castleberry to Indonesia

Deborah Doolittle to Jamaica

Paul Lee to Trinidad

Karen James to Arizona

Joe Ogletree to Utah-Idaho



Charles L. Gammel to East Pakistan



Jane Clower to Israel



James Landrum to Oregon-Washington



Nancy Chamberlain to Vietnam



Vicki Newcomb to Alaska



Donald Boone to Jamaica



Cynthia Powell to Washington, D.C.

Fourteen Baptist young people will represent the Baptist student unions of Mississippi as missionaries this summer, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work.

The name, home town, school and place of service of each student follows:

Charles L. Gammel, Corinth, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, to East Pakistan; Kathy Harvill, Jackson, University School of Nursing, to Ghana; Bradley Castleberry, Poplarville, Mississippi College, to Indonesia; Jane Clower, London, Ark., University of Southern Mississippi, to Israel; Donald Boone, Jayess, Mississippi College, to Jamaica; Deborah Doolittle, Eupora, Mississippi College, to Jamaica; Paul Lee, Tupelo, Mississippi College, to Trinidad; Nancy Chamberlain, Grenada, Blue Mountain College, to Vietnam;

Vicki Newcomb, Jackson, Millsaps College, to Alaska; Karen James, Denver, Colo., Mississippi College, to Arizona; David Wallace, Enterprise, Mississippi College, to Michigan;

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more than \$7 million to a new record of \$128,025,859.

Tithes, offerings and special gifts averaged \$67.23 per member. Missions gifts showed a total of \$11.30 per church member.

Property value of churches increased, but construction decreased. Property value climbed to \$3,657,097,050, an increase of \$162 million.

The amount spent on construction of local churches and missions decreased by \$25 million to \$129,976,060. Local mission construction costs were \$4,268,246, a decrease of \$2 million.

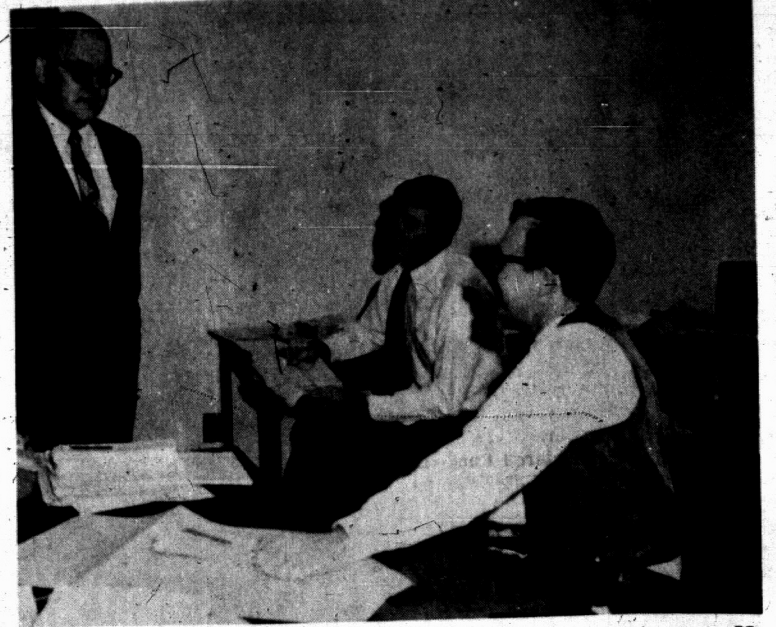
More than 10,000 churches reported that their pastors have other jobs, either full or part-time, apart from their churches. Full-time employment of this type was reported as 7,320; part-time, 3,000.

The statistics reflect only those figures reported by the churches, with no adjustments made for incomplete reports. Bradley said. He added that the reports were carefully edited and requests were made to churches for verifications and correction of questionable items.

Summary of 1968 Southern Baptist Convention Statistics

	1968	1967	Numerical Change	Percent Change
Associations	1,196	1,187	9	.8
Churches	34,295	34,147	148	0.4
Baptisms	373,025	378,937	-5,912	-1.6
Additions by Letter	531,351	541,391	-10,040	-1.9
Total Membership	11,332,229	11,142,726	189,503	1.7
Sunday School Enrollment	7,545,513	7,579,203	-33,690	-0.4
Vacation Bible School Enrollment	3,227,705	3,439,325	-212,620	-6.2
Brotherhood Enrollment	448,738	457,770	-9,032	-2.0
Woman's Missionary Union Enrollment	1,407,673*	1,444,464	-36,791	-2.5
Music Ministry Enrollment	1,038,290	1,019,130	19,160	1.9
Tithes, Offerings, Special Gifts	\$ 761,898,138	\$ 711,775,365	\$ 50,122,773	7.0
Mission Expenditures	\$ 128,025,859	\$ 120,454,869	\$ 7,570,990	6.3
Per Capita Tithes, Offerings, Special Gifts	\$ 67.23	\$ 63.88	\$ 3.35	5.2
Per Capita Mission Expenditures	\$ 11.30	\$ 10.81	\$.49	4.5
Church Property Value	\$3,657,097,050	\$3,495,020,717	\$162,076,333	4.6
New Construction, Local Church	\$ 129,976,060	\$ 155,209,065	-\$ 25,233,005	-16.3
New Construction, Local Church Mission	\$ 4,268,246	\$ 6,482,565	-\$ 2,214,319	-34.2

*Includes hospital and campus YWA's in addition to statistics for churches.



Convention Board Funds Are Audited Annually

EVERY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST should be aware of the fact that all funds channeled through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are checked by public auditors and that a report is printed in the convention annual each year. Shown with A. L. Nelson, (standing) Convention Board Treasurer and Business Manager, are two employees of the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. during an audit of the Board's records.

Hospital To Construct New Coronary Care Unit

Foundation Heads --

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clude a fellowship dinner on Tuesday evening.

The noon luncheon Wednesday will be sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, with Dr. Fred Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the Board, to be the guest speaker.

The Downtown Motor Inn will be headquarters for the association with some dinner meetings to be held at other hotels and motels in the city.

Those attending will include members of the board of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, as follows:

C. J. Kees, Magee; J. N. Barron, Crystal Springs; Dr. John Traylor, Tupelo; A. L. Boone, Winona; Delmar Simmons, Jackson; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg; Grady Doss, Eupora; C. H. Kennedy, Brandon; Don Baker, Leland.

Mr. Simmons is president of the board with Mr. Barron chairman of the Executive Committee.

Many of the men attending will be accompanied by their wives and several events have been planned for luncheons.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and adjourn at noon Thursday.

The Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson has approved construction of a six-bed coronary care unit on the hospital's second floor.

Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator, in announcing the board action, said the emphasis will be on quiet surroundings for cardiac patients.

He said the unit will contain individual monitors for each patient, assuring constant observation of each patient from a central nursing station.

He said the hospital, in 1968, provided care for 410 such patients — primarily in its 14-bed Intensive Care Unit for patients requiring continuous and comprehensive care.

"A special unit for the cardiac patient," said Pryor, "will provide the quietest possible surroundings and the relaxed atmosphere so essential to this type patient."

He said a renovation program will soon get under way on the second floor. No opening date for the new unit has as yet been scheduled.

Dr. William H. Rosenblatt, chairman of the hospital's coronary care unit committee, said most deaths from acute heart attacks occur within two or three days following admission.

Many of these deaths, he said, can be prevented by continuous monitoring of the patient, early recognition of complications, and prompt institution of proper treatment.

"A coronary care unit which provides all these things," said Dr. Rosenblatt, "can save lives which would otherwise be lost. It would rescue hearts too good to die."

He pointed out that an individual with an acute heart attack, while critically ill, "is conscious, aware of his surroundings — and quite apprehensive."

"Any excitement or noise of a disturbing nature has a deleterious effect on him and might even result in death."

The general intensive care unit is set up to care for a variety of acute medical and surgical conditions — head injuries, fractured bone cases, strokes and all types of trauma."

Fourteen Baptist Student Missionaries --

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James Landrum, Baldwin, Mo., Mississippi College, to Oregon-Washington; Joe Ogletree, Clinton, Mississippi State University, to Utah-Idaho; Cynthia Powell, Baton Rouge, La., Mississippi College, to Washington, D. C.

Baptist Student Union missions is a program sponsored jointly by State Departments of Student Work, the Department of Student Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

"It is financed by the 'over and above' gifts of college students and BSU directors, and no church is solicited for a contribution."

The missionaries do not receive salaries. Room and board is furnished by the mission where the student works. Transportation and other necessary expenses are provided from the funds given through the BSUs in the state. The financial goal for 1969 is \$11,111.11.

The above appointments were made by the Summer Missions Committee of the State Baptist Student Convention, composed of the following members:

Charlotte Bryant, chairman, Blue Mountain College; Paulette Cook, Delta State College; Ronnie Melton, William Carey College; Fred Kyle, Mississippi State University; Irene Letchworth, University of Southern Mississippi; Rev. Bradley J. Pope, BSU Director, Mississippi College; Rev. John Gilbert, BSU Director, Mississippi Delta Junior College. State BSU vice-president Ken Watkins, Delta State College and Mr. Winders are ex-officio members.



PLANS FOR A CORONARY CARE UNIT at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson are studied by Mrs. Brenda Miles (left) and Miss Betty Patterson, who recently observed such units in Boston. — (Baptist Hospital Photo)

Revival Dates

Southern Hills Church: (Hinds-Madison Association): Associational Crusade of Americas revival emphasis March 24-28; Dr. C. Z. Holland, evangelist; Rev. David Cranford, pastor. (Hinds-Madison will have more than thirty churches in revivals March 16-30.)

Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha): March 9-15; Rev. Ray Hill, pastor, Southside Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., evangelist; Rev. Jerry Skinner, pastor.

Sellers

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for five years before their marriage, secretary to Kermit S. King, director of the Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. They have two daughters, Alicia, who will be six years old in April, and Dawn Marie, who will be four in April.



Missionary Uses God's Word To Win A '1st American' To Christ

The home of a Navajo Indian had been visited several times for informal Bible study and fellowship. On this particular day, I was on my way to this home for information about a man needed to see.

After "parking" my plane about a mile from the house, I started walking across the mesa. A person coming toward me could be seen in the distance. It was strange that this was the woman from the home I was going to. She was usually herding sheep. When we met, I got the information about the man.

As I started to leave this lady in tears said, "Brother Nelson, would you pray for me? I have a great fear. Every time I think about God, I'm afraid." I assured her she had my prayers. Her request kept me from walking away from a real opportunity. She said, "I do not know how to be a new person, how to be one of God's children." I told her: "This may be the reason you are afraid all the time." She agreed.

The simple version of "Good News" was read of Jesus' interview with Nicodemus. And in a few moments she trusted Christ as her personal Saviour which brought victory over her fear.—James Nelson, Missionary, New Mexico.

SBC Will Feature Evangelism

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board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission, in an effort to explain and interpret "forthcoming major developments which will relate to all churches."

Committee members said they made a serious attempt this year to begin to rotate the report time of the boards and agencies of the convention, "since some reporting times are more desirable than others."

Other major addresses at the convention will be delivered by Southern Baptist ministers.

The four-day convention will open Tuesday evening, June 10, with the annual convention sermon by Scott L.

Tatum, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., and the annual president's message by Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Other major addresses are slated by John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Birmingham; and W. R. White, retired president of Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Del City, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City, will be the speaker at the Friday night evangelistic service. The church where Bisagno is pastor led the SBC in the number of baptisms (conversions) last year.

A total of three hours, 35 minutes is slated for miscellaneous business and election of officers, not including the reports of committees, boards, and agencies. The bylaws require that at least one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.

The committee recommending the agenda was comprised of Kay, chairman; J. William Angell of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Horace Chapman of Columbia, S. C.; J. Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge, La.; Elmer Ruark of Salisbury, Md.; Robert S. Scales of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Criswell. (The complete program will appear in a later issue.)

HUDGINS SPEAKS TWO TIMES ON HIS FIRST SUNDAY "IN THE FIELD"

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the newly-elected Executive Secretary, will spend his first Sunday "in the field" speaking twice in widely separated parts of the state.

Dr. Hudgins will preach Sunday, Feb. 23 at the 10:50 a.m. service at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor.

He will then journey to Tate County in extreme north Mississippi where he will preach at 5:30 p.m. at the Tyro Baptist Church, Rev. Don Stanfill, pastor.

FBC Reception To Honor The Hudgins

First Baptist Church, Jackson, will hold a special service in the sanctuary on Thursday, February 20, at 7 p.m., and a reception following in Fellowship Hall, honoring Dr. and Mrs. W. Douglas Hudgins for their 23 years' service to the church.

The congregation of First Baptist Church, and other friends of the Hudgins family, are invited.

Alcoholism Pressing Public Health Problem — With the present number of alcoholics in the United States now over 5,000,000 it is estimated that others are becoming alcoholics at the rate of 400,000 to 500,000 each year.



DR. L. GORDON SANSING, who left on a later plane, was at the Jackson airport Monday to see several of the men off to Oregon-Washington Crusade. From left: Dr. Joe Odle, Jackson; Rev. Wendell A. Gilmore, of Jackson; Rev. Charles C. Brock, of Gulfport; Dr. Sansing; Rev. Malcolm A. Jones, of Jackson; and Rev. G. Arnett McCoy, of Brice.

Become Involved In Christian Revolution

By Larry Storer

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — More than 300 college-age youth were urged here to quit complaining about failure by adults to do much about revolutions sweeping the nation, and to get involved in the Christian revolution.

"Youth people, get out of your pious pews and quit blaming the adults in your church of sitting around apathetically when you yourself are guilty of the same thing," declared Ron Willis, pastor of Golden Gate Baptist Church in Oakland, Calif.

Willis, who has worked for several years with hippies in the Haight-Ashbury area of San Francisco, was one of the major speakers for the ninth annual World Mission Conference at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Theme for the conference was "Mission in a Revolutionary Age." Willis and several other speakers spoke of both the revolutionary gospel of Christianity, and the revolutions that have been sweeping the country.

Willis mused that the sad reason some youth are involved in revolution is the stagnation of the past generation that has been characterized by the love of things and the use of people.

The church, with its fundamental, set program simply will not and is not affecting revolutionary youth, Willis

said. "They are dropping out and turning it off, and if the church is going to change this and affect these youth, it will have to offer what revolution is offering.

"Revolution is offering action," Willis said. "It is getting up and doing, it is involvement and direction. But revolution is not something that can be added to Christianity, it is what Christianity is."

The revolution is against physical anguish, for the deliberate and pointed instruction of Jesus Christ was that his followers feed the poor, heal the sick, clothe the naked and visit the imprisoned, Willis added. "He did not tell us to pay a professional Christian to do this for us, he told us to do it."

Another major speaker, Nathan Porter, of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, said that the Christian's revolutionary mission is one that is characterized by compassion. "Compassion means being sensitive to the heart of the world and responding to the misery around us," he said. "This is our day in revolution."

"This revolutionary mission is one that is aimed at you and men," Porter said. "We are to be a servant and minister to the other guy, just as Christ did when he washed the feet of his disciples."

Porter concluded with the warning that the Christian revolutionary mission will cost the involved and committed their life. It takes courage and a lack of selfishness to give up everything for what God wants us to become and be in the name of Jesus Christ, he said.

A Negro Baptist pastor from the Watts area of Los Angeles told the students, "Segregation is simply not in God's master plan."

Cauthen Speaks

The closing address was brought by Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, who issued a challenge for the youth to get involved at home and around the world.

"The great physical needs and hunger of the peoples of the world... can be alleviated to an extent by people like yourselves, caring enough to get involved and become committed," Cauthen said.

During a dramatic moment at the conference, a popular song by Dion entitled "Abraham, Martin and John" was played while slides depicting the life of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy were flashed before the audience. At the conclusion of the song while the auditorium was in total darkness, a gun shot broke the silence.

Much of the three-day meeting was devoted to seminar sessions dealing with the questions of urban revolution, human rights revolution, moral revolution, revolution in ministry, communications revolution, revolution of nationalism, revolution in interdenominational relations, and youth revolution.

"Jot" Appears In Jackson, Meridian

A living dot has won the hearts of Southern Baptists and young television viewers in many parts of the country. He's JOT, star of the Radio and Television Commission's 4 1/2 minute, animated color cartoon series.

The first JOT series of 13 episodes has brought down in avalanche of mail on Commission headquarters in Fort Worth. The weekly letter count tops 2,000. Most of the response is from children requesting the "surprise" JOT offers at the end of each program. But much of it is from ministers, parents and other adults praising JOT as a clever and effective approach to child evangelism—or just as a "good influence" on TV-watching children.

The Radio-TV Commission now has expanded JOT coverage to 40 stations across the nation, and production and release schedules on the second 13 JOT episodes have been speeded up.

WJTV-TV in Jackson, Mississippi, telecasts JOT on Saturdays at 6:55 a. m. on "Captain Kangaroo" and beginning March 2, 1969, WHTV-TV in Meridian, Mississippi, will telecast JOT on Sundays at 8:30 a. m. on the "Children's Corner Show."

JOT is best described as an animated dot. Boys and girls alike find it easy to identify with the lovably human little character as he gets into situations like those any child might face.

State Awards Chairman

William Carey College's academic vice president, Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., has been appointed by the National Council of Teachers of English as Mississippi State Chairman of the Achievement Program for 1969.

This nationally recognized competition, now in its 12th year, grants recognition to outstanding high school seniors for excellence in English, and recommends them for scholarship aid. Over 8,600 students were candidates for awards in 1968. The NCTE also honors the teachers and the schools that have participated in the training of these young men and women.

Dr. Ernest in coordinating and administering the program for Mississippi will be making a significant contribution to the improvement of English education in all American high schools.



Missions Conference Theme: 'Crisis'

FORT WORTH — Missions Professor Jack Gray, seated, and Missions Conference Student Chairman Don Mattingly check materials for the college students twentieth annual visit to the campus in March. The theme for the Missions Conference scheduled for March 7-9 is "Crisis." Mattingly is also vice president of the Student Council.

NEWS BRIEFS

Italian Radio Broadcasts Protestant News

ROME (EP)—A weekly Protestant news program over the Italian State Radio began here on the first Sunday in February.

A brief devotional broadcast will be followed each Sunday by 10 minutes of information on Protestant church activities in Italy and abroad. Comment and short interviews are to be included in the format. The program is the first non-devotional program on Protestantism to be broadcast on the radio network.

Southwestern Gets \$223,000 Gift

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Seminary has been made permanent beneficiary of as much as \$223,000 for the estates of the late Laura Dunlap Sampson and W. Emmett Sampson, both of Houston before their deaths.

Sampson was a rancher and oilman and with his wife, gave financial assistance to several students who have attended Southwestern Seminary. They also established trust funds with the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Americans Lead in Fundamental Beliefs

PRINCETON, N.J. (EP)—The number of Americans in the U.S. convinced of God's existence and the fact of an after-life, and a hell exceeds by far the percentages with similar beliefs among people of 11 other nations, says the Gallup pollsters.

The agency said 98 per cent of Americans questioned said they believe in God, but the percentage is under 80 per cent in five other nations surveyed, and is 60 per cent in Sweden.

Three persons in every four in the U.S. said they believe in life after death but the percentage falls to 38 in Britain, Austria and Sweden and to 35 in France.

Six Americans in every 10 believe in the existence of the devil, the poll indicates, but in Britain and Sweden only 21 per cent do so and in France the percentage stands at 17.

MAP To Manufacture Drugs For Missions

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—A pilot operation initiated by Medical Assistance Programs Inc. here has the non-profit agency manufacturing special drugs for missions.

Pharmacist John Street, director of the new phase of service for MAP, says the organization hopes to make up to a million tablets each week for such maladies as malaria, parasites and tuberculosis.

These illnesses are relatively minor in the U.S., Street said, so drugs to combat them are not readily available to missions.

The in-house manufacturing project will allow mission hospitals to have drugs for tuberculosis, for example, "at a fraction of the cost" now paid for tablets from European sources.

Woman's Missionary Union

YWA Houseparty—Gulfshore

The YWA Houseparty at Gulfshore is scheduled for March 7-9. This is planned for all YWA members and leaders in the southern part of the state. Another Houseparty will be held at Wall Dooey State Park March 28-30.

Rates and accommodations at Gulfshore are as follows:

Barracks (bath on hall, linens, meals)—\$10.00
Hotel (private bath, linens, meals)—2 in a room—\$16.00
3 in a room—14.00
4 in a room—12.00
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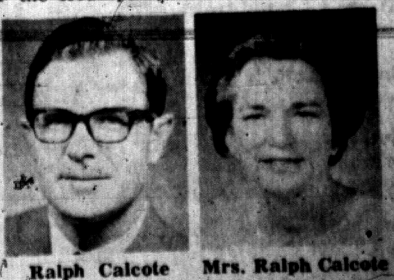
There will be a special area reserved for leaders.

Send reservation fee of \$2.00 per person to: Mr. W. T. Douglas, Manager Gulfshore Baptist Assembly Pass Christian, Miss. 39571

Some of the program personnel for the Houseparty are:

Mrs. J. H. Street, Newton
Mrs. W. L. Compere, Newton
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb, Gulfport
Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson
Dr. W. P. Davis, Jackson

Missionaries:
Mrs. D. V. Haggan, Philadelphia
Mrs. Charles Whitten, Spain
Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Calcote, Japan



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Baptists Score Gain in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — "Baptists scored a gain in public acceptance and religious freedom recently in Costa Rica when they were invited to participate in a religious service at the national boy scout camporee," reports J. Wallace Poor, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Uruguay now in Costa Rica for the study of Spanish.

Before the service began the Roman Catholic camp chaplain, who later officiated at a mass, assisted in distributing copies of the Gospel of John and Crusade of the Americas hymn sheets.

Pastor Guido Picado, of the Desamparados Baptist Church, led the singing and spoke to the group. "That's the first time one of my sermons has been followed by a mass," commented Pastor Picado, whose invitation to speak to the scouts had come from Horacio Morales, national scout official.

Rev. Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., Southern Baptist missionary, said he had never seen anything like it in his 30 years of service in Spanish America. Nearly all the 200 scouts at the cam-

pire plus many of their parents and friends present for the camp's open house attended the service. Perhaps many were exposed to an evangelical witness for the first time. Only about one-sixth of Costa Rica's 2,000 boy scouts are affiliated with evangelical groups, Mr. Poor says.

Among the guests at the open-air meeting, held in a meadow surrounded by mountains, were the Costa Rican ministers of industry and education and the Japanese ambassador to Costa Rica.

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Speaker Stresses Right Motive For 'Separation'

NEW YORK (BE)—A Baptist seminary professor urged support for separation of church and state, "not based on fear of government, on anti-Catholic prejudice, or on blind devotion to a cause, but rather on carefully-thought out reasons based on facts assembled in an objective manner."

The appeal came from William M. Pinson Jr., associate professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, during a major address at the 21st national conference sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for Sep-

aration of Church and State.

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Nigerian Baptists Joyfully Reunited

Baptists from the war-torn eastern states of Nigeria experienced a joyful reunion early in January as they gathered in Port Harcourt for the Baptist Conference of the Eastern States.

"What a happy reunion!" writes Southern Baptist Missionary Russell L. Locke. It was the first meeting of Baptists from the Port Harcourt, Joinkrama, and Ahoadia area since federal troops recaptured control of the sector from the Biafrans, and Mr. Locke says the fellowship was the "main event."

A lorry (truck) was borrowed from the Rivers State government to bring delegates from Ahoadia and Mbama, he explains. It was packed and several persons were left behind. Many in communities closer to Port Harcourt cycled or walked to the meeting.

More than 100 pastors and nearly 50 women were among the 190 Baptists attending. The president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Dr. E. A. Dahms, and the convention's general secretary, Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, were present to help set up a relief committee for war victims.

Missionary Urban L. Green was elected acting executive secretary of the conference, and Rev. Christopher Osumkpe, conference chairman. Other

missionaries attending were Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, WMU executive secretary for Nigeria, Miss Dale Moore, and Miss Emogene Harris. Miss Harris is a Mississippian.

For many months Baptists in the eastern area have not had contact with other Nigerian Baptists. One session of the conference was given to recounting sufferings of various communities and churches during the war, Mr. Locke reports. There was surprisingly little bitterness but much thanksgiving, despite the losses which these people suffered under both armies, he says.

Begins Fifth Year As Full-Time Evangelist

Bob Posey, evangelist from Birmingham, Alabama, is beginning his fifth year as a full-time evangelist.

Having left a church of 1,000 members four years ago last November, he has preached approximately 25 meetings each year, ranging from Wyoming to the East Coast and from greater Pittsburgh to Florida.

In his 1968 crusades, ten or more were saved in the following churches:

First Church, Berkeley, Mo. 18; Springfield Church, Birmingham, 18; First Church Lexington, Tennessee, 10; Shurlington Church, Macon, Georgia, 32; State Boulevard, Meridian, 14; Green Acres Church, Birmingham, 18; Boyles Church, Birmingham, 12; Midway, Meridian, 19; and Highland Park Church, Hanahan, S. C., 12.

He is a native Mississippian, having been licensed and ordained by the Verona Church, Verona, Miss.

For further contact write: Bob Posey, 432 16th Ave. N. W., B'ham, Ala. 35215.



PASTOR GUIDO PICADO, of the Desamparados Baptist Church, in Costa Rica, delivers an evangelistic message to boy scouts and their visitors at the Costa Rican boy scout camporee. The camp chap-

lain, a Roman Catholic, later celebrated mass as part of the unusual joint service. (Photo by Wally Poor)

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

"The Sound Of A Going"

In II Samuel 5:24 the Lord said unto David, "and let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines."

The enemy had come out against David, and he had prayed about how to lead his forces against them. God revealed to him that he was to wait until there was a "sound of a going" (perhaps a movement by the wind) in the tops of the trees. When that happened, God was ready for him to act, and his army should move against the enemy, "for the Lord would go before" him. David did as God commanded, and victory came.

As we made a spiritual application of this, we are convinced that there is "a sound of a going" in the tops of the mulberry trees today, and that God is revealing that it is time for his people to "bestir themselves" in the activities which are necessary for spiritual revival and evangelistic victory.

Why do we feel that there is a "sound of a going"? Simply because we believe that we never have seen a time when God seems to be dealing with so many people, giving them a hunger for, and a sense of need of, spiritual direction, help, and visitation from God.

Consider the many people who write and speak today, saying that spiritual deliverance is the only answer to the world's great problems, and its innumerable crises.

Note the hunger for spiritual growth, knowledge of God's Word, and fellowship with other true followers of Christ. Never have there been so many Bible classes, spiritual retreats, discussion groups, and crowding into churches where true Spirit-filled, Bible-centered, Christ-honoring preaching is being done.

Think of the thousands of government and other leaders who attended the Presidential Prayer Breakfast a few weeks ago. Similar breakfasts, or dinner meetings are being held by government leaders in other nations, too.

A few weeks ago another Mississippian and I were at the capitol in Washington and were taken by Mr. "Fishbait" Miller, Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, to the Capitol Prayer Room. There in the quiet and beauty of that room we were told of the large number of Senators and Congressmen, who come to that room to pray, and also of the prayer breakfasts which are held several times a week in the capitol dining rooms. As we knelt with Mr. Miller in that prayer room we thanked God that so many of the men directing the destinies of our na-

tion are men who worship God and know how to pray.

Only last week we shared with approximately 100 business and professional leaders in a prayer breakfast in Jackson. As we looked around we saw lawyers, doctors, city officials, business men, architects and engineers, and other laymen from all walks of the life of our city. There were only two or three preachers among them. They had gathered to hear God's Word read, to spend some time in prayer together, and to hear a message by a visiting government leader from Brazil. This outstanding leader from the continent to the south of us, told of the spiritual concern being felt in his land and of similar prayer gatherings of business, professional and political leaders, meeting regularly there.

What we saw and participated in here and in Washington, is happening elsewhere across the nation and around the world. Here is "ecumenism" that is Bible based. It is not an effort to effect organizational unity, but simply is following the leading of the Spirit in true spiritual unity. This is the unity we need today.

Out of all of this comes the conviction that God's Spirit is giving "the sound of a going" and that it is time for Christians and churches and denominations to "bestir" themselves.

Perhaps this is the greatest reason that it is so important that Southern Baptists must give their very best to the Crusade of the Americas. This mighty revival and evangelistic effort comes at a time of deep concern and eager expectancy on the part of hosts of people of the Americas and other nations of the world.

This makes it imperative that every Baptist church be enlisted in the crusade, and that every member participate.

It also is most urgent that every Southern Baptist pastor pray that he may be so burdened, and so empowered of God, that his pulpit ministry literally will be transformed, as he seeks to lead his people to return to God for revival, and then to go forth as evangelists to carry the message of Christ, and His saving power, to every lost person. Moreover, this makes it necessary that every Baptist become concerned, and begin to pray now that God may cleanse and prepare him that he may share in this mighty revival effort.

God does not have to have Southern Baptists, nor does he have to use them, but he will use them if they meet his conditions, and yield themselves fully to him.

Never have Baptists had a greater opportunity to glorify God, and meet the world's greatest need.

There is a sound in the tops of the mulberry trees! Let Baptists "bestir" themselves now!

GUEST EDITORIAL

Re-Evaluation Of Insurance

John Hurt in Baptist Standard (Texas)

This might be the best time in the year, with new committees functioning in most of our churches, for a fresh look at church insurance policies. The saddest part of any news story on a church fire or other disaster is the sentence that loss is covered only in part by insurance.

We are in an era of spiraling costs. The building erected 10 years ago will cost almost twice as much today. Too many churches make improvements in their property without any thought of increasing insurance.

Quite a few of our churches will suffer some or total property loss during the year. The per-

centage which must appeal for denominational assistance in rebuilding is too high. Take a look at your insurance.

(Editor's Note: Several churches in Mississippi have had losses of buildings in recent months, either by fire or by storm. In at least two cases that we know about, the insurance carried was very inadequate in terms of present day replacement costs, and the churches have faced very serious problems. In another case, the church had full coverage and its problem of rebuilding is well cared for, without a severe burden on the church. Churches will do well to heed Mr. Hurt's timely suggestion NOW.)

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.—Macaulay

Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God.—Carey

God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

Nothing is easier, than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no love, no character, are requested to set up in the grumbling business.

Be true to yourself, and it follows as the night the day thou shalt not be false to any man.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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Thursday, February 26, 1969

Base for Our Presidential System



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Church Protests SBC Social Action, Integration Emphasis

Dear Dr. Odle:

The record will show that Parkway Baptist Church of Natchez, Mississippi, is and has been an involved and cooperating Southern Baptist Church. In the calendar year 1968 the church contributed \$14,059.93 to Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program and \$1,747.91 to our local Associational Missions program. During this same period \$2,690.92 was contributed to the Convention's Missions programs through special designated offerings in cooperation with convention emphases. We do not believe there is any evidence that our people could be considered anti-convention or anti-missionary.

However, we are more than simply concerned about an issue with which our Convention, through its boards, agencies, and publications is becoming increasingly preoccupied. It is the matter of fostering and/or encouraging the racial integration of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. We are aware of the statement on "The Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, last June. We heartily disagree, however, that the adoption of the statement by a vote of 5,887 to 2,119 constitutes a mandate to our boards and agencies to move full speed ahead, through the medium of our denominational publications and otherwise, to implement the statement.

We believe it to be the prerogative of each individual Southern Baptist Church to make its decisions concerning social and racial issues against the background and within the context of its own local situation. Moreover, we believe it is detrimental to our churches and kingdom progress for these matters, and particularly the very obvious objective of accomplishing the racial integration of our churches, to become an objective of our Convention boards and agencies to be accomplished through the above stated media.

We strongly and urgently protest the fact that the racial integration of our churches has become a "mission" objective of our Convention as the content of our denominational publications increasingly suggests. We resent the fact that funds contributed to mission causes through the Cooperative Program are used, in part, to encourage with the purpose of accomplishing this objective. We believe that persistence in this direction, through the medium of our denominational publications, will have most serious adverse effects both in our churches and in the support of world missions through our Cooperative Program.

We respectfully urge and plead with leaders to recognize this problem that is more than a depressing burden to us. We would further urge you to use every influence you may have to see that the issue of the racial integration of our churches is no longer made an objective to be sponsored and/or encouraged through the medium of our denominational publications. We believe that the handling of this matter should be left entirely to the local churches without intrusive pressures being brought to bear upon them by denominational media. We would appreciate your furnishing us with the names of any other with whom you feel we may effectively register our feelings and protest.

Very sincerely,
Fred E. Robertson, Pastor
Homer King, Chairman of Deacons
Parkway Baptist Church
Natchez, Mississippi

(NOTE: This letter has been sent to several SBC leaders)

Discusses Rainey Testimony On 'The Fox'

Dear Dr. Odle:

I read the letter of Dr. Rainey in the column "The Baptist Forum" concerning his testimony in the controversial movie "The Fox."

Dr. Rainey states that he did not state that any of the three scenes that were in controversy were things of beauty. I have had his testimony at the trial transcribed. I enclosed a copy for you to file in your office for all to read. On the bottom of page 7 and top of page 8, Dr. Rainey testifies as follows:

"The second scene is one of the most beautiful and technically precise scenes I have ever witnessed in a motion picture—the scene where Paul, the young man, and Miss March are making love."

Later he hedged on this statement and his testimony cannot be completely reconciled. He actually made this statement under oath on the witness stand in the County Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on January 21, 1969, when he testified in support of this movie. His testimony constitutes 49 pages as transcribed. I place it at your disposal for all to read.

Dr. Rainey testified in support of this film as shown by this testimony. To now say that he did not so testify is shocking indeed.

I trust that you will print this letter in "The Baptist Forum" in order that all who wish may come to your office and read this testimony.

Sincerely yours,
K. Hayes Callicutt
Attorney at Law
Yazoo City, Miss.

Hart Center Grateful—'Christmas In August'

Dear Sir:

We take this opportunity to thank the churches, G. A. S., Sunbeams and their leaders, W. M. U.'s and circles for all the wonderful and useful gifts you sent to the Hart Baptist Center, in Jackson. We have answered over 300 cards and letters, but feel we may have missed some.

Through your love and efforts we were able to help convalescent homes, poor families, storm victims, and other day care centers. Through the efforts of the "Christmas in August," over 200 children here at the Center received gifts. We also fixed boxes of toys for other children not attending the center, families burned out, and many others in need.

May we especially thank all our friends for the books and Bibles we received. We are now able to have a library for the Center, and were able to give children books who never owned books before. The Bibles were very useful for our Young People's Bible Class every Thursday afternoon, the Adult Bible Class on Sunday afternoon, and will be helpful during the Vacation Bible School.

Thank you for ALL the gifts. You have made so many people happy, children and adults. May God ever bless you and the efforts you put forth in helping others. Thank you for your love, concern and kindness to the Center and other people through your "Christmas in August" project.

Mrs. Connie Rupp, Director
Rev. Fred Tarpley, Supt.
Hart Baptist Center
232 East Bell St.
Jackson, Miss.

The Cooperative Program enables a local Baptist church to act in concert with thousands of other Baptist churches in presenting the "Symphony of World Missions."



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

That Million Dollar Knee

Let's chat for a couple of minutes about that million dollar knee you have.

"Million dollar knee, what do you mean?" somebody gasps.

All of us were intrigued several years ago by the faith of one of the professional football teams in drafting an outstanding university football player who had suffered a very real and damaging knee injury in his university football career, and in giving to him a \$400,000 bonus for his agreeing to join that professional team. Considerable medical care ensued; and, in the course of the months which followed, it became common practice to refer to this athlete's \$400,000 knee.

And You?

Every genuine Christian has access to God through the infinite power of prayer; and, in the "bent-knee time" of prayer, each of us can lay hold upon the matchless power, wisdom, and presence of God. Therefore, the "praying knee" of the Christian who prays with faith, effectually, and fervently becomes an instrument of power greater than any of earth's monetary measurements.

One of the greatest scientists of recent decades voiced his conviction that prayer is the greatest untapped source of power in our world. Even though he knew all about the potential of atomic and hydrogen power, he said without apology that the power of prayer is greater. Scientists who led in the development of the atomic bomb realized that only spiritual power, released through prayer, could keep the newly discovered power from being used to destroy our world.

Why Not Use This Power?

If you are a Christian, you have that kind of knee-potential. If you use it, that power can remove mountains, span chasms, and accomplish what the non-believing and non-praying world will regard as the impossible. On the other hand, if that power is little-used or unused, the Christian's knee becomes a "two-bit knee."

You and God know about your prayer life. Does it need considerable improvement? Why not move from the two-bit class to the million dollar knee group? You can if you want to!

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor.)

NEWEST BOOKS

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL — Volume One by W. A. Criswell. (Zondervan, 123 pp.)

No man among Southern Baptists has used the expository method of preaching more effectively than Dr. W. A. Criswell. Soon after beginning his pastorate at Dallas he started a program of preaching straight through the Bible that lasted about seventeen years. Out of that has come a number of his fine books, including the five volume series on Revelation. However, after completing Revelation Dr. Criswell determined to go back to give a thorough study of the book of Daniel. This first volume of a series is introductory and discusses the amazing things the critics say and have sought to do with the book, and answers them by showing that the book is authentic, that Daniel was its author, and that its prophecies have glorious meaning in relation to the whole revelation of God in his Word and in history. The messages also fully discuss the historical background, including Daniel's life. This is an outstanding volume, and makes one anxious and spiritually hungry to see the other volumes as the series is completed.

HOW TO CULTIVATE THE HABIT OF SUCCEEDING by Mack R. Douglas (Zondervan, \$4.95, 223 pp.)

The author, a former Mississippian, has drawn from a wide variety of contemporary and past writers in applying striking truths about successful living, from the spiritual point of view, to the day-to-day experiences of the average man. The volume is a companion to the author's How to Make a Habit of Succeeding.

HE MADE THE STARS ALSO by Perry F. Webb (The Naylor Co., San Antonio, Texas, 99 pp., \$3.95)

A new book of sermons by former pastor of First Baptist, San Antonio, now retired. The title chosen for this forceful, inspirational collection is, in itself, a sermon in a phrase.

CHILDREN'S SERMONS, OUTLINES AND ILLUSTRATIONS by James Stalker and others (Baker, paperback, \$1.96 pp.)

This book is divided into three sections — one of sermons, one of sermon outlines, and one of brief illustrations, all directed toward the interest level of children.

Situation Game For Youth Recreation And Discussion Groups

An unusual type of recreation material for use with young people has been developed by Contemporary Drama Service, 3405 Acorn Drive, Downer's Grove, Illinois, 60515. It is called "Can of Squirms," and consists of a can with folders which list actual situations which young people sometimes face, and in which they must make a moral decision. In other words they "squirm" as they face a situation. The plan calls for group discussion, under the guidance of a leader. A leader's guide is included along with scoring pads, etc. A Youth Leader in a Baptist Church in Jackson tried out the material on junior and senior high groups and found a very unusual response. He said that the game was "generally well liked." He said "Personally, I see the game, or at least adaptations of it as an excellent tool in religious education. I was quite well pleased with the game itself and its reception by youth."

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS BY FIRE by Margaret Cleator (Christian Literature Crusade, 102 pp., \$1)

This is a true-to-life story of a young Hindu college graduate from a village background who sets out in search of "the Truth." The compelling story is written by a missionary in Western India working with the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship.

THE BONUS YEARS by Thomas Bradley Kobb (Judson Press, \$4.50, 156 pp.)

This book offers valuable source material for those concerned with older persons. A program for the aged, the writer contends, should not consist in "bigger and better hobby groups" but in a life-centered ministry wherein the aging are both participants and recipients. The author makes no effort to prescribe "how to do it" for he feels that each ministering group must study its own needs and develop its own program.

A GUIDE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT compiled by George W. Stuart (Convention Press, 142 pp.)

This study course book was written to help churches reach the growing multitudes of untaught, unchurched, and untaught people for Bible study. It contains basic Sunday School growth principles.

100 TALKS TO TEEN-AGERS by Lawrence P. Fitzgerald (Baker, paperback, 106 pp., \$1.50)

Talks tuned to the ears of young people.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

February 24 — Ruth M. Clark, Clarke College faculty; Robert Sugg, Baptist student director, Blue Mountain College.

February 25 — Joyce Wilkins, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing; Thomas T. Boswell, faculty, Mississippi College.

February 26 — Ollie Mae Reaves, staff, Children's Village; A. H. Leslie, Lafayette — Marshall supt. of missions.

February 27 — Mrs. Frances Winters, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Dwight Wymer, staff, Blue Mountain College.

February 28 — John Alexander, Judd Allen, Lynda Ashley, Mrs. Agnes Batson, Baptist Building employees.

March 1 — Kathleen Wright, Baptist Book Store; Delmar Simmons, trustee, Baptist Foundation.

March 2 — Paul Owens, trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; M. F. Rayburn, Christian Action Commission.

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In Regard To 'Christian Action'

By Rev. E. F. Hicks, Pastor
First Church, Waynesboro

I want to begin today by sharing with you three experiences that bear upon the matter of Christian action.

At a social function in my town, my wife and I were seated by a young couple whose marriage ceremony I had performed nearly twenty years ago. I asked the young lady about her church. She answered that she taught a class in Sunday school, that her husband was a deacon, and taught an adult class, and that they were very happy. I called the name of a pastor of her city — assuming that she and her husband attended the church he served—and asked how she liked the man. She dropped her head for a moment and when she lifted it she met my eyes with a trace of a smile on her lips, but with no measure of apology at all, and said: "We aren't in the Baptist church anymore."

Seeing the question marks in my eyes she proceeded to tell me why she and her husband had left the denomination in which they had both grown up. It came down to two things: First, they had decided that a church ought to be interested in something besides statistics (how many in attendance, how much offering for how many causes, how many additions by how many means in how many months, etc.) and, second, they had decided that a church should be relevant to what was going on out in the world.

They didn't make any fuss about it. They just slipped away. We are losing too many like that; young, intelligent, concerned, successful.

A second experience. Shortly after public announcement was made that I had been elected to serve as chairman of the newly created "Christian Action Commission" of The Mississippi Baptist Convention, I had a phone call from a young man who is a junior executive in a multi-million dollar corporation that does business in Mississippi. He wanted to come to my study and talk with me. He did not say, on the phone, what he wanted to talk about. We set a time for his visit and he came over to my town and we sat down and talked.

He wanted to know about "The Christian Action Commission." He wanted to know how it came into being. He wanted to know its purpose. He wanted to know how serious we were. I did not know, at first, whether he was friendly or hostile. When he stood to leave, he reached across my desk to shake hands with me, and he said, "I am very glad to learn of this action by my denomination. I think I'll stay in the Baptist church awhile longer, and maybe I won't have to leave after all." He then added that he and his wife were deeply concerned that their church, and denomination, be relevant to the crucial events of the times.

(Have you read Findley Edge's book, "A Quest For Vitality In Religion"? It is about Southern Baptists, and Southern Baptist churches. Of our failure to face up to controversial issues he said, "Not to be able to consider difficult, even explosive issues, within the church, is tacit admission that Christ is not the answer.")

A third experience. In a Summer Pastor's Conference, at the New Orleans Seminary, I heard Dr. J. Franklin Pascal, then president of the Southern Baptist Convention, say that he was often asked about the future of Southern Baptists, and that he always gave this answer: "If Southern Baptists are to hold their place in the economy of God they must do two things: They must continue to win people to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, and, they must be willing to become involved in the life of the community."

Some said "Amen." That is what he said, the then president of our convention. And some of the brethren raised their eyebrows, but some quietly said, "Amen." I think he is right on both counts. (In a recent Planning and Promotion Conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee, in December of 1968, Dr. James L. Sullivan urged: "that the current emphasis on social action be recognized as another evidence of the moving hand of God in our midst.")

It is in the area of evangelism that Southern Baptists have been great. It must continue to be so. Men are saved only by an experience of grace through faith in Jesus Christ. There is no other way. We must continue to win people to a personal acceptance of Christ as saviour.

But listen, listen, that is not the end of the matter. We must not stop there. We must go on to develop the doctrine of the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all areas of life. This we have not done. And it is strange that we have not, for this is one of the overmastering doctrines of the Christian religion.

"Christian Action" is no substitute for "evangelism," nor is evangelism a substitute for Christian action. It is not an "either - or" proposition. It must always be a "both-and" proposition. Christian action must always be the action of Christian people, acting on convictions rooted in Christian truth, motivated by Christian concern, having as its objective the realization of Christian goals in human society and in individual experience. This requires of us that the Lordship of Jesus Christ be a reality in our lives and not just a phrase on our lips.

I like the way a Negro preacher put it. He said: "Religion that ain't no good on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ain't no good on Sunday." That is true to the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. Someone suggests that what we do between Sundays is a truer index to the measure and quality of our religion than what we do on Sunday.

I like the way Dr. John R. Sampey put it one day in a chapel service at Southern Seminary. He was talking about the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He said it was a matter of turning over to Jesus the keys of our lives. The key to our homes: Jesus must have an honored place there. To our offices: He would be known, respected, and heard, in the business affairs of our lives. To our deposit boxes: His will should be done with our money. To our clubs: Christ would even be Lord of our social relationships. He must have all the keys. As long as we hold back just one, his Lordship is not really complete.

This is the rationale for Christian action: We should act like Christians at all times, at all places, and in all circumstances of life. "Christian Action" is not an option for Christian people: It is a tremendous necessity.

And with what consequences!

A man in one of our largest cities in the South — not a Baptist but a serious Christian — read a statement relative to the number of persons holding membership in the Baptist churches of that state. It seemed like an awful lot of Baptists to him. The more he thought about it, the more it seemed to him that the figures must be in error.

Finally, he could stand it no longer. He called a prominent Baptist pastor in the city and told him what he had read and asked if the figures were correct. "No," said the pastor, "they weren't correct. Those are last year's figures and there are several thousand more Baptists now." After a prolonged silence, the man said: "Well, if you say so, I'm going to believe it, but I want you to know that from this moment on, I'm going to hold the Baptists responsible for everything that happens in the State."

And why not, pray tell me, why not? Figures change so rapidly that it is not always wise to quote them, but this was true awhile back: more than half the population of the state of Mississippi held membership in the Baptist churches of our state. Whatever the percentage now, can Mississippi Baptists disclaim any responsibility for what happens in Mississippi? By the sheer weight of our numbers, we bear a large responsibility. (It was the Baptists in my county who voted in beer and liquor. There weren't enough of the others.)

Focus on Three Fields

In his syndicated column, David Lawrence said one day that the effort of the Communists to infiltrate the vital areas of American and international life were focused on three fields: education, labor unions, and entertainment, because: "These are the fields where ideas flourish and thinking patterns are formed." They didn't even mention the churches. Are our churches so impotent, as a factor in the life of the community, and the structure of society, that they can be casually ignored?

Elton Trueblood suggests three areas in which the church has been largely inept. In influencing the labor unions, the college students, and the intellectuals of our times. And it is in those areas, he said, that the decisions that determine history, and the shape of society, are being made. In short: That's where it's happening!

The sober truth is that we have drifted into a kind of institutionalism that does violence to the purposes of Christ. Most of what we do, and train for, and work for, has to do with what takes place in our church buildings on Sunday. And that is not enough. Christianity must be carried beyond the walls of our churches. Carlyle Marney reminds us Christ is never

very dangerous when he is shut up in church. It is when he gets out into the thoroughfares of life—the street corners — the market places — the counting houses — the State House — that he becomes dangerous.

Oliver Cromwell, having his wounds dressed during the battle of York, heard that the Earl of Manchester, and his staff, had fled the field, thinking the battle lost. He dashed after them and reined his horse up savagely to block their way. "My Lord," he said, "you mistake the road, the enemy is not there."

If we are going to come to grips with the enemy we are going to have to have a shifting of direction and emphasis. The enemy does not care what we do in our churches. The enemy will even give us money to do it with, providing we will keep it in the church. We are going to have to take our religion beyond the walls, and programs, and services in our churches, if we engage the enemy.

A man of our times reminds us: "they did not crucify Christ for saying, 'Consider the lilies of the field.' They crucified him for saying, 'Consider the thieves in the Temple.' That is where it gets rough! When you take on the power-structure at its most sensitive point, its pocket-book, you take on a real job. We can play it safe, or we can play it true, but we cannot, any longer, play it both ways, and expect to have power with God or with man."

The "How" of Christian action is the question that concerns all of us.

This is an area in which a great deal of hard thinking must be done.

I know some things we can do, now.

We Can Be Knowledgeable

We can be knowledgeable. That is

very important. I am glad that providing information that makes it possible for our people to be knowledgeable is one of the primary objectives set for our Commission. It is a real job to many people to learn that gambling is the largest single industry in the United States; that it siphons off some sixty billion dollars annually from the economy of the land; and that ninety-five percent of all gambling in the United States is illegal and is under control of organized crime, with its vast profits going to the crime syndicate.

For another thing, we can be concerned. That would be a forward step for many. We can be concerned that our nation now ranks first in per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages, and first in the ratio of alcoholism to the total population. We can be concerned about the misuse of drugs, by persons of all ages, more especially among our children. We can be concerned that one birth out of every twenty, nationwide, at present, is illegitimate, and it is predicted by responsible persons that within another decade the figure will be one in ten. We can be concerned about the many forces and factors that pull downward upon our families, our society, our communities.

And we can do this: We can stand up to the forces of evil. Edmund Burke was right when he said, a long time ago, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing." And that is exactly what we have most often done.

Let me suggest a paraphrase: "What shall it profit a church if it attains to excellence in all departments, and oversubscribes its budget, and sets new records in attendance and giving, and even wins the Efficiency Banner at the association meeting, if, outside the church, organized crime has taken over the community, and the "new morality" prevails in classroom and corridor, and the stultifying fog of secularism has muffled the Christian witness, and the "Playboy Philosophy" of hedonism has captured the minds and hearts and bodies of our youths?" To be irrelevant is to be impertinent.

"Christian Action" is but an effort toward relevancy. (Message delivered before meeting of Christian Action Commission Jan. 3, 1969.)



NOT THE RED BARON—Marion Lastinger, with headphones, seeks study-quiet surrounded by his six female family members: Debbie, 13; Maria, 11; Ellen, 6; twins Lisa and Lora, 5; and wife Joyce. The head of the household was former associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Swainsboro, Georgia, and held three previous pastorates in Georgia, at LaFayette, Barnesville and Griffin.

BIG FAMILY? NO DETERRENT TO THIS SEMINARY STUDENT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Walk inside the apartment of Marion Lastinger, first-year theology student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He's my husband.

You might be taken aback at the sight of a lonely male figure surrounded by a bevy of bustling females of all sizes and description. It takes a second look to convince many of our visitors that this is not the flight-gear "Bloody Red Baron" — in

King Solomon's Court. It's only the Lastinger patriarch using the silent headset of his recording equipment to muffle the music of female frivolity!

After all, he does have to study, and we girls — there are six of us — must have our fun. So, while we chat and chatter, Marion visits, via textbook, the archaeological ruins and historical high moments of the church that compose a theological curriculum.

Yes, my husband traded the fish-bowl life — 12 years as a pastor — for the ivy-covered campus and brought

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his coeds with him. And the coeds are finding it difficult to determine which way of life is the more fascinating.

Some people will tell you it's next to insane to contemplate re-entry into the student role after ten years out of the classroom. The dean of students, the administrative dean, several professors and many friends told us it would be very risky. Especially with a wife and five daughters, a home and enjoyable pastoral position in Swainsboro, Georgia, to consider.

Come to seminary? It was difficult to determine whether we'd gone completely out of orbit or put a lot of stock in that "substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen." But we came.

We arrived at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on August 23, 1968 — bags, baggage and belles — and took up residence in Woman's Missionary Union Hall. I thought that was appropriate. I was convinced that I would be the "old lady of the campus," and that our clan would be by far the largest around. You can imagine my surprise when I learned there are two other families with five children; however, neither is so fortunate as to have all daughters! There are plenty of older students, too, so Marion and I don't feel like the grandparents of the student body.

We're looking forward to a pleasant stay at "The Beeches," and our girls may find it difficult to leave. They have 31 big brothers living in W.M.U. Hall — male students who represent the dormitory overflow this year. They've been great to look after my brood, to fix bicycles, play tag, or just chat.

Just call me Mother Lastinger with her 36 kids. . . . and smile.

Tull Relates Early SBC Experiences

by S. E. Tull
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

(With the material used in the recently published article by Dr. S. E. Tull of Pine Bluff, Ark., entitled "An Old Baptist Says A Word," the author included the story of some of his experiences in relation to developments in SBC life in the first half of this century. Since this material made the story longer than we needed for the issue in which it was published (Jan. 9), we decided to hold it for a separate story. Now we present it to you.—Ed.)

I am proud to feel that I have had a part in this marvelous history. In 1913 when the Convention met in St. Louis, I introduced a motion that the Convention cut loose from all obligations to the International Sunday School Lesson Committee and set up its own Editorial Department including a Graded Lesson System through the Intermediate Departments of the Sunday School. Dr. J. M. Frost was then the Secretary of the Sunday School Board, and he heartily endorsed my motion. That very night, he called enough of his Board together, and they elected Dr. E. C. Dargan of the Faculty of the Seminary to be the first editorial editor of Southern Baptist Sunday school literature.

The next year, 1914, the Convention met in Houston, Texas. Dr. Frost asked me to make the report on the Sunday-School Board. In that report, I recommended that the Convention cut loose from the Baraca and Philathea Movement and to establish their own Adult Department. This recommendation was adopted and Dr. Frost selected Harry Strickland to be the First Secretary of the Adult Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. These two acts by the Convention cleared the way for the complete departmentalizing and grading our Sunday school in all our churches as we have it today.

At the Convention which met in Asheville, N. C. in 1916, I introduced a resolution that the Convention set up a Commission of five men to write a Study Course Manual on "Church Organization And Methods" to be published by the Sunday School Board as a means to bring all our churches

into uniformity in their methods of organization especially in their finances. This resolution was hotly debated, being opposed by such men as Dr. E. Y. Mullins and Dr. J. B. Gambrell. I answered all their arguments. I told Dr. Mullins there before the Convention that he taught me "Systematic Theology," Dr. Sampey taught me Old Testament interpretation, Dr. Robertson taught me New Testament interpretation and that neither he nor any other teacher in the seminary had said a word to me about how to be a pastor or to manage a church. I admonished Dr. Mullins before the Convention that he needed to go back to Louisville and establish a chair of church administration in the seminary to teach preachers how to administrate Baptist churches.

After my resolution was overwhelmingly adopted by the Convention, Dr. Lansing Burrows, who was President of the Convention at that time, said: "If I am to appoint this Commission, I will appoint Dr. Tull as Chairman because he seems to know more about the subject than any of the rest of us." He then asked the help of the Convention to appoint the others which was done by the appointment of Dr. Burrows himself, Dr. J. B.

BMC Taking Names For Alumna Of Year

The Executive Board of the Alumnae Association of Blue Mountain College has recommended the recognition of the Blue Mountain Alumna of the year.

The annual selection will be based on the outstanding contributions of the Blue Mountain College Alumna which exemplify the ideals of the College. Alumnae and former students who wish to submit names for the outstanding Alumna of the year award should mail them to the president of the college on or before April 1, 1969.

The nominations should be included in a letter which contains the pertinent information regarding the nominee.

Although members of the Board agreed that all BMC alumnae are outstanding, it will be an honor to recognize one of these fine women on May Day, May 3.

Gift To The City

Memphis Church Repairs Chimes

For centuries, the sound of bells pealing favorite hymns of the age have been an established part of Christendom.

In America, the tradition, like most folkways inherited from Europe, was mostly replaced by modern equivalents — in this case, electronic chimes. But unlike the bells of the old world, our electric versions are mechanical and mechanisms tend to break down.

So found the city of Memphis last summer when its 20-year-old downtown chimes fell silent. No money was available for replacing them and it seemed Memphis, like so many other cities, would permanently lose its twice-daily recital of religious music. But a relatively inexpensive method of restoring them was diagnosed by B. W. Hirsch, a local sound engineer.

The prescription: a new set of vocal chords.

The chimes are activated by drivers (or sound boxes) located in the throat of the public address speakers. By installing a set of University Sound drivers behind each trumpet, and adding a new electronics system, the chimes could be played again, he reported.

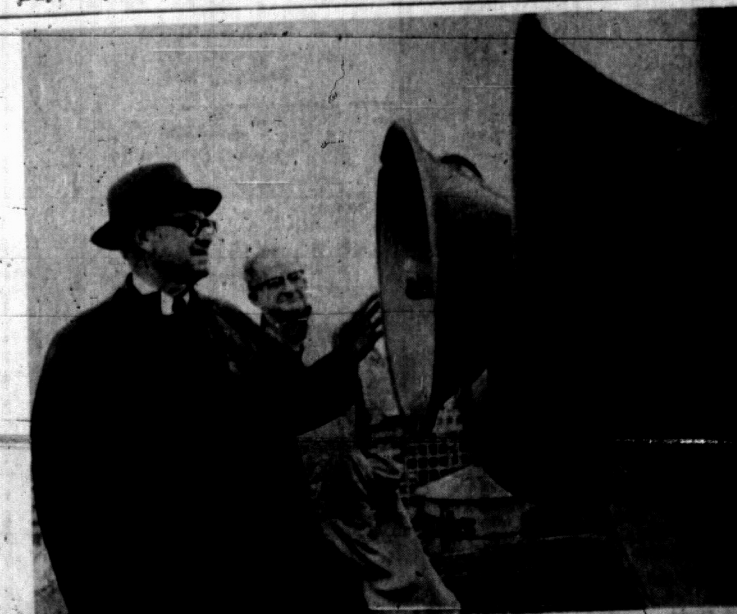
Since the music of the chimes had long been an integral part of the Memphis Christmas holidays, a local church congregation decided to give the city a holiday gift.

Members of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, donated nearly \$3,000 and the work commenced. On December 13, downtown shoppers paused as the sounds of Christmas filled the streets.

The incident was lauded by Haskel Blair, president of University Sound, maker of public address components and supplier of the new "voices" for the chimes.

In a letter to the church's pastor, Blair noted, "Across the country, much talk is taken with the need for more and better urban amenities. I know of many cities which once had the drama of chimes filling the streets of their downtown sections. For one reason or other, however, these chimes have died out. Lack of funds or neglect have silenced them and they stand mute on a forgotten rooftop or in some dusty loft."

The executive concluded by saying, "Such cities would find the amenity of music extremely beneficial if they were to restore their old chimes and let them play once more."



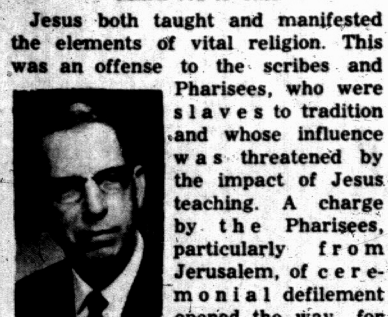
CHECKING CHIMES SPEAKER, which his congregation restored as a gift to the city of Memphis, is Minister R. Paul Caudill. With him is R. L. Dickey, chairman of the church committee that raised the funds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

When Religion Is Vital

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 7:1 to 8:26



Jesus both taught and manifested the elements of vital religion. This was an offense to the scribes and Pharisees, who were slaves to tradition and whose influence was threatened by the impact of Jesus teaching. A charge by the Pharisees, particularly from Jerusalem, of ceremonial defilement opened the way for Jesus to teach the inwardness of vital religion and the peril of inner defilement. Mark tells of Jesus' withdrawal to the region of Tyre and Sidon and to Decapolis, which foreshadowed the outreach of the gospel to the Gentiles; also of his feeding the four thousand and healing a blind man of Bethsaida, which further illustrated his adequacy to meet the needs of all men everywhere.

The Lesson Explained False Ideas About Religion Verses 1-5

The Pharisees, observing an occasion when the disciples ate without washing their hands, asked Jesus why his disciples disregarded the tradition of the elders. The Pharisees and Jews generally were zealous for cleanliness, that is, ceremonial cleanliness. They considered eating with unwashed hands a heinous sin. And they had many such requirements about washing cups and pots and vessels. The trouble with the Pharisees was that they were concerned about ceremonial purity rather than moral purity. They were concerned about religious regularity more than righteousness. Their concept of religion was the observance of rules rather than sincerity in worship. Jesus went on to say that they were hypocrites.

Not Rules But Devotion To God Verses 9-13

Jesus openly charged the Pharisees with putting man-made tradition above the commandment of God. He then referred to the practice of corban. The commandment of God, given through Moses, was, "Honour thy father and thy mother." In cer-

tain cases, violation called for the death penalty. But the tradition of the rabbis allowed a man to escape the obligation to support his parents simply by pronouncing "corban" over his property. This meant that he was making a vow, dedicating his property to God, so that it became sacred and could not be used for parental support. But, actually, he could keep his property as long as he wished and use it for his own selfish satisfaction.

Keeping religious rules is never a substitute for devotion to God. True religion is never an excuse for unrighteousness. It is never an avenue of escape from duty.

First, A Matter Of The Heart Verses 14-15

The charge of the Pharisees opened the way for Jesus to teach the people the deepest truth about vital religion. It is a matter of the heart. True purity comes from inner cleanliness.

Truths To Live By

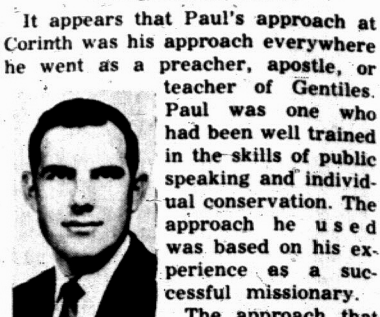
Vital religion demands new life in Christ. — We make a tragic mistake to think of vital religion in any terms other than new life in Christ. A person may become religious by himself, but never Christian. He may observe rules, be faithful to religious forms and customs, and even achieve a degree of goodness without a life-transforming experience with Christ. But these achievements will tend to cultivate pride, and they will never suffice in the crisis of temptation and moral responsibility. One must be delivered from the power of Satan and made alive in Christ and become indwelt by the Spirit of Christ in order to be a partaker of eternal life. An encounter with the living Christ by faith is the secret of spiritual renewal; this is the essence of Christian conversion; it is the source of vital religion.

Inward cleanness is important to God. — God requires clean hands and a pure heart. His forgiveness alone can make it clean. His Spirit alone creates hunger for righteousness.

Allegiance to God is tested by obedience and trust. — It is vain to worship God while breaking his commandments. It is hypocrisy to claim to honor God and give no evidence of compassion and love toward fellow human beings.

Paul's Approach To Witnessing

By Bill Duncan
1 Cor. 1:17-18; 2:1-8



It appears that Paul's approach at Corinth was his approach everywhere. He went as a preacher, apostle, or teacher of Gentiles. Paul was one who had been well trained in the skills of public speaking and individual conservation. The approach he used was based on his experience as a successful missionary.

The approach that Paul used in witnessing was the preaching of the "good news" that Jesus Christ had died that men may have life through believing in his name. There were many different ways of witnessing: in a good life, a friendship, a helping hand, a written message, and many others. But the appeal of preaching was what turned the world upside down. The influence of the Holy Spirit upon the words spoken brought conviction, repentance, and belief.

This over-all passage is one of the strangest statements about faith in preaching. In our day, some are losing faith in preaching. The reason is that they do not hear or speak the Gospel. As a result very little is happening when they preach or listen. Paul showed what preaching can do. This approach to witnessing needs to be our main approach.

The Power of Preaching

The power of preaching as a witness brings about many effects. Those who accept the message preached know the power of preaching. Those who reject the message preached think preaching is foolishness.

The cultured Greek and the pious Jew thought preaching of the gospel was sheer folly. Yet to decorate the story of Jesus and the cross with rhetoric and cleverness would have been to make men think more of the language than the facts, more of the speaker than the message.

The effect of any message is in its results. The change brought about by the gospel was powerful. The power of preaching is not contained in the preacher but in the person preached about—Christ. Therefore, Paul placed his main attention of witnessing in preaching.

The preaching is literally the word. It directs attention to both the manner and the matter of the apostle's preachings. "Wisdom" is the opposite of foolishness, in verse 18, and one would expect Paul to speak of the gospel as the wisdom of God, but he characterizes it as power. This is not a message about God's power. It is God's power. Rom. 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first. And also to the Greek."

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Paul simplified his preaching by centering it in one person. For I determine not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Jesus Christ is both the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:24, and the wisdom of God. The latter section of the first chapter is concerned with wisdom. The Corinthians had evidently emphasized it. The Greeks had sought it out. The cross seemed nothing but folly. The cross whereon the Son of God hung for men proved to be God's power. In it sin was defeated. This also proved to be God's wisdom. The wisdom of the world could not find God, nor had it power over evil. The cross revealed God and it gave men the power they needed. On the level of the search for wisdom that foolishness of God proved itself to be true wisdom.

The person preached has permanent effects. The word crucified has the idea that He was once crucified, but he continues in the character of the crucified one. This is the heart of the Gospel—the crucifixion.

Therefore the approach is to tell in every message and conversation about Christ crucified. If one only understands one thought, Paul wants him to know about the penalty paid at Calvary. Too often we confuse people with too many facts and thoughts. We need to witness with the simple message that Christ was crucified for the sinner and what this can mean to him.

The Manner of the Preaching

Paul reminds the Corinthians that there was nothing attractive about his own preaching. Therefore many called it foolishness because his preaching was so simple and unpretentious, but its results convinced the believers of the power of God.

Paul characterizes his preaching in 1 Cor. 2:1. Paul stresses that Paul was not making an exception of himself because he was a living example of the truth he was expounding. Paul does not try to use a style that will have the results of people thinking his message is superior to another in the way he arranges the facts. He characterizes his message as the testimony of God. Preaching the Gospel is not delivering edifying discourses, but bearing witness together. It is bearing witness to what God has done in Christ for man's salvation.

Paul had come to Corinth downhearted. Phillips translates the verse to say, "I was feeling far from strong."

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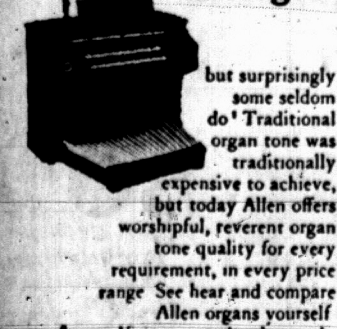
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Names In The News

Rev. Jerry Skinner has accepted the pastorate of Morgan Chapel Church, Oktibbeha County. He is commuting to Clarke College where he plans to graduate in May. Mr. Skinner previously served as pastor of Faith Church, Leake County. He is married to the former Barbara Winstead of Philadelphia. They have one daughter, Angie 4.

Mrs. I. L. Watson, mother of Rev. James O. Watson, Southern Baptist missionary to Paraguay, died January 26 in Marianna, Fla. Missionary Watson may be addressed at Casilla 1171, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Rev. Nelson A. Price, pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church at Marietta, Ga. and son of Mayor and Mrs. R. S. Price of Osyka has been named "Man of The Year" by the Cobb County, Ga., Chamber of Commerce. He has been pastor at the Marietta church three years.

Rev. Alvin Kitchen has accepted the call of Meadow Brook Mission, Byhalla, as pastor. Meadow Brook is a mission of Fairhaven, Rev. Armond Taylor, pastor. Mr. Kitchen, native of Houston, Texas, has lived in Dallas for the past ten years. He attended Garland College two years. He and his wife, Delores, and two children, Cynthia Linn, 11, and Jonathan, 21 months, live at Route 1, Nesbit.

Rev. T. M. Jennings has accepted the pastorate of Bett Church, Coldwater. He has moved to Mississippi from Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Mary Jane, and three children, Marcie, 7, La Nancie, 5, and Amy, 11 months. Three years ago he and Rev. Alvin Kitchen, new pastor of Meadow Brook Mission, Byhalla, were members of the same church, and now they have been called to neighboring pastorates.

J. G. (Jack) Winscott, former minister of education at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, has accepted the

I was nervous and rather shaky." It was a fear in the light of the task committed to him—what Kay calls an anxious desire to fulfill his duty.

call as pastor of Ruth Church, Ruth, Miss. Winscott, a native of St. Louis, Mo., is a graduate of Mississippi College, as is his wife, the former Janie Hewlett.

Two representatives of the Home Mission Board were featured speakers February 5 at the third Missionary Day of the year at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. L. O. Griffith, Director of the Division of Communication, and Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, presented the program with an emphasis on Home Missions.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., missionaries who have completed furlough, were scheduled to return January 24 to Argentina, where Dr. Glaze is president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires (address: Ramon L. Falcon 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina). Born in D'Lo, Miss., he grew up in Pelahatchie, Miss.; she is the former Eugenia Johnson, of Greenwood, S. C.

Rev. Charles Brock, Eddie Kahler, and Russell Hurlbert of Gulf Coast Association will be working in Grandview, Washington, helping in the Crusade of the Americas. Rev. John Dearing, pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis, will also be working in the state of Washington during the crusade.

Mrs. Martha Magee, therapeutic dietitian at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has received an American Dietetic Association Membership Plaque. Mrs. Betty Burnett, Director of Dietetics for the hospital, made the presentation. — (Baptist Hospital Photo)



Wesley G. Ellis, pastor of First Church of Leakesville and former pastor of Goodwater Church in Simpson County, was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree by New Orleans Seminary at the mid-year commencement exercises in December. A graduate of Mississippi College, he is married to the former Marjorie Faust of Jackson. They have three sons. Dr. Ellis' doctoral work was done in New Testament.

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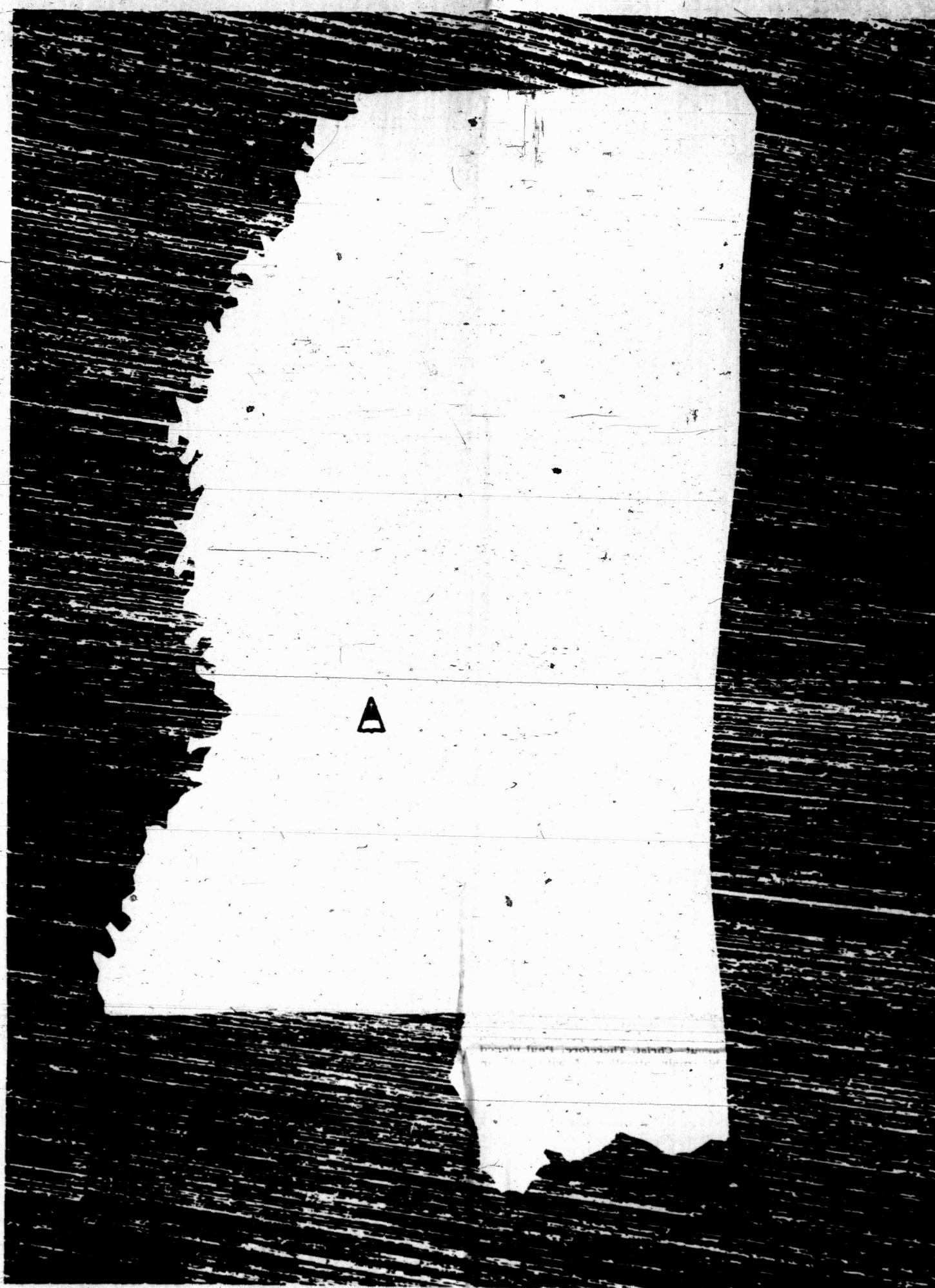
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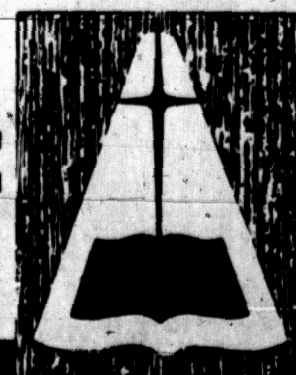
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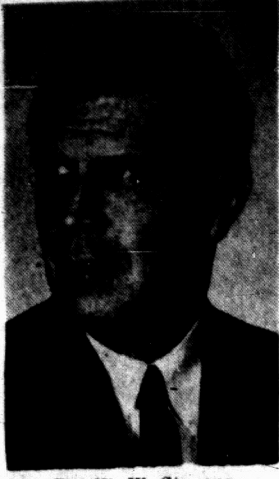
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Liberty Church To Host Evangelism Clinic

Dr. William W. Stevens, Chairman, Division of Religion; Mississippi College, Clinton, and Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will be featured speakers at Mississippi Association's Annual Evangelism Clinic, Tuesday February 25, at Liberty Church, in Liberty, Miss.

The schedule of activities will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will include Bible study, and an emphasis on methods of evangelism in music, revival,

visitation, and personal soul winning. The program, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Association, will conclude at 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Stevens holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia and Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of two books, *That Ye May Believe* and *Doctrine of The Christian Religion*, and is presently working on three additional books.

Dr. Grant, a native of Plantersville, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College, and Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Seminary. He has served as pastor of Broadmoor since 1958.

Others on program will include J. P. Walsh, Jr., Rev. Jimmie Smith, Rev. W. A. Sullivan, Rev. James Rogers, Marvin Thornton, and John Rollins.

The theme of the clinic is "Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ."

An evening meal will be served between the afternoon and night sessions.

Broadmoor Launches Series Of Banquets

John Bewley, recreation director, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, announces "OUT OF THIS WORLD" will be a galaxy of banquets for junior high, senior high, college and career, and adults of Broadmoor Church.

The first space ship carrying the junior high group will swoop down at 7 p.m. Mrs. Pylant Thursday, February 20. Fare for this event will be \$1.00 for each passenger.

On Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m. the senior high - college and career groups will meet at the launching pad. Tickets for the "blast-off" will be \$1.00 per person.

The adults will rendezvous on Saturday, February 22 at 7 p.m. "Moon pies and green cheese" available for \$1.00.

Mrs. Agnes Pylant, first secretary of the Church Recreation Department of Southern Baptists, will be guest speaker and entertainer for each of the banquets. Mrs. Pylant is a graduate of Texas Christian University, Southwestern Seminary, and Curry School of Expression. She has served as youth director, as well as music and education director, college professor before going to the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1954. Mrs. Pylant is author of many books, pamphlets, magazine articles and was editor of the *Church Recreation Magazine* until her retirement in 1962. Presently she is living in Palmetto, Florida.

Ticket chairman for the banquets is Mr. F. Hearn.



Lincoln Churches Send Supplies To Hazlehurst

SHOWN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH is part of the busload of supplies sent to the Hazlehurst area to aid in the relief of the victims of the tornado disaster. R. to L. Rev. Eugene Roberts, supt. of missions for Copiah-Lincoln Association; Rev. R. A. Coulter, moderator of Lincoln County Association and pastor of Heuck's Retreat Church; and Rev. Ralph E. Brady, vice-moderator and pastor of the Pearlhaven Church which furnished their bus for transportation of supplies. More than fifty boxes of clothing, food, and cooking utensils were carried at one time, but many more churches carried their donations separately. The Shady Grove Church east of Hazlehurst served as the center for distribution of the supplies sent in by the Lincoln County Baptists.

Devotional

Love Conquers Sin

By Bill Nimmons, Minister of Education, 1st, Starkville
1 John 3:3

Sin is represented in the Bible as an active malignant, blighting, death-dealing force in human life. Our experience with sin and our observation of its workings confirm the charges brought against it by the Bible. Sin contaminates man's emotions; it invades his intellect, and warps his judgment; it masters the will and determines the decisions and choices; it degrades the physical senses until they hunger for the satisfactions of sinful delights.

John gives us the only remedy that has ever been provided to remove sin from the human heart and life: "He was manifested to take away our sins." The purpose was not merely to curb sin, limit its activities, or even punish its deeds, but to remove it and cleanse the life of its blight. The world, "manifested," calls attention to our part in becoming free from sin. Jesus died for our sins; that was a work which he alone could do. He arose for our justification; no one else could do that. He is now at the right hand of God, interceding for us; no one else could fill that place. These functions belong exclusively to Christ.

But Christ was manifested, made known, for the purpose of taking away our sins; and He alone can do that.

A young person remarked to me one time; "My brother has a sin which only the grace of God can cure." Only the grace of God through Christ can conquer sin in us and free us from its domination. Christ revealed himself and we must respond to our vision of him. Hence, the vision of Christ is intended to loosen us from our allegiance to sin and to awaken in us the desire for the life which we see in Him.

In the manifested Christ we see the kind of man or woman we may become without sin, and the power which will enable us to be like him.

As we study this passage of scripture and visualize once again what Christ has done in us, let us determine to share this vision of Christ with others. To refrain from sharing this with others would be the antithesis of the love manifested in us.

Off The Record

RECREATION

"The most popular sport in my country," said the South American diplomat, "is bull-fighting."

"Isn't it revolting?" asked the society matron.

"No," explained the diplomat, "that's our second most popular sport."

GOOD FOR SOMETHING

"I simply can't stand my husband's nasty disposition," wept the young wife. "Why, he's made me so jittery that I'm losing weight."

"Then why don't you leave him?" asked her friend.

"Oh, I'm going to," replied the bride. "I'm just waiting until he gets me down to 120 pounds."

HUMAN NATURE

A city slicker wandered into a small town and struck up a conversation with an oldtimer sitting outside the general store. "I see you don't have much of a population problem here," sneered the slicker.

The old gentleman reflected, then answered, "You're wrong, son. Nearly every problem we've ever had here's been caused by population."

Rev. Clyde Wroten

Moves To Columbus

After serving the McCool Church almost eight years as pastor, Rev. Clyde Wroten has moved to the Plymouth Church, Columbus. He began his work on the field the first of February at Columbus.

He had a very fruitful ministry at McCool, with 42 additions by baptism and 32 by letter, as well as many other accomplishments.

Rev. and Mrs. Wroten were active in associational work in Attala Association.

Said the sexton as he rang the bells louder and longer: "If they ain't coming to church, they ain't sleeping either."

Farr Retires After 42 Years

Rev. E. C. Farr, pastor of West Side Church, Macon, for 12 years, has retired. The West Side Church held a Watch Night service, with the theme "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). A cake was baked in the shape of an open Bible, with this scripture on the left side, and "Happy birthday, Brother Farr" on the right.

Mr. Farr retired from the pastorate 42 years, to the hour, from the time he was ordained in a Watch Night service at Calvary Church, Meridian, December 31, 1926.

At 12 o'clock midnight on December 31, Mr. Farr stepped out of the role of pastor at West Side and Rev. Troy Lee Massey was installed as the new pastor. Mr. Massey, from Cottondale, Ala., was ordained to the ministry on December 21 at Cottondale. A student at Clarke College, he is married, and the father of two children, Terri, six, and Tracy, two.

Mr. Farr lives in his own home at Scooba, Miss., where he will be available for supply preaching, interim pastorates, and revivals.

He is a graduate of Meridian High School, Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He has served as pastor of 21 churches in Mississippi: Bay Springs and Stonewall in Kemper; Carrollton, North Carrollton, Providence (which he organized) in Carroll County; Black Hawk and Acie Memorial in Carroll, which combined to become Mt. Olive; Emory in Holmes; Swift-

water, Alexander Memorial, Glen Allen, Mayersville, and Ferriday in Washington County (he organized Swiftwater, Alexander Memorial, Ferriday and Mayersville while associational missionary for Deer Creek Association); New Sight, Lincoln; Marion; Sumrall; Longview; Friendship, Oktibbeha; Deerbrook, Noxubee; Calvary (Pinetucket), Noxubee; and West Side, Macon.

He was clerk for Kemper Association three years and for Noxubee Association seven years. He was field representative for central Mississippi for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, helping to raise money to pay Mississippi debts (The Now Club) and SBC debts (The 5000 Club).

He was the second associational missionary for the former Deer Creek Association (which included Washington, Humphreys, Sharkey, and Issaquena, and the second associational missionary in the state.

In 1951 at the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco he was elected Mississippi member on the SBC Committee on Boards.

Mr. Farr has conducted at least 74 revivals in all Mississippi Baptist churches.

BBI Enrollment Up

GRACEVILLE, Florida — Baptist Bible Institute enrollment for 1968-69 is up from 265 to 287, according to the dean, Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr.



Five In One Family Baptized At Pass Road

REV. JOHN W. WADE, Sr., pastor of Pass Road Church, Gulfport, baptized five members of the James Maher family at one service. This is the second time at Pass Road that more than three family members of an accountable age were won to Christ and baptized in one service. They are, left to right: James M. Maher, David Maher, Janice Maher, Rev. John Wade, Sr., Mrs. Wanda S. Maher, and James Maher. They have one other son, Darrel Dwayne, age 7.

Students "Clobber Profs" For March Of Dimes

By Marjorie C. Rowden

It's exam week at William Carey College and students have found a unique way of working off their frustrations and helping the March of Dimes at the same time!

For ten cents a blow anxieties are being shed with the impact of a sledge hammer on an old "junk heap" automobile. Under the sponsorship of the Carey Ministerial Association students have found not only an "acceptable" but a "charitable" way of blowing off steam.

With a clever eye for business, sponsoring students have written the names of Carey professors all over the fenders, sides, and top of the "sacrificial auto." Students coming from exams, tired and disgusted, head for the car and gleefully shout, "Let me at Dr. So and So!" Some have more dents around their names than others.

Ministerial Association students stand happily around and benefit from the moment. They collect the dimes and enjoy doing their share for the 1969 March of Dimes!



CLOBBER YOUR PROF FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES.—This is the gleeful project going on this week, on the William Carey College campus. The Ministerial Association is sponsoring vent their frustrations for 10¢ a blow the "sacrificial auto." Tim Rayborn in the photo above.



Former Mississippi Pastor Now In Ohio

Rev. E. P. Baldwin, formerly pastor of Hickory Flat Church at Hickory Flat, Miss., went to Ohio a year ago this past January to become pastor of First Baptist Church, SBC, in Huron. He is pictured above beside the \$25,000 educational building that has recently been added to the church. He reports that the Ohio congregation has installed colored windows in the auditorium, new hymnal racks on the theatre seats, and has bought new Baptist Hymnals, while at the same time doubling gifts to the Cooperative Program. Under his ministry, 36 have been added to the church at Huron.

A NEW EVANGELISTIC TOOL IS BEING TESTED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF YOUTH

TWO A PENNY, a new Billy Graham film made in England and premiered last November in Lincoln, Cincinnati, St. Louis, San Antonio and in San Diego, is a new evangelistic tool being tested in the crucible of youth.

From the initial United States premieres 458 responses, ranging from first-time decisions to rededications has been received at the World Wide headquarters. Sixty per cent of those received are from people under 20.

At the Lincoln Hotel, where 150 youths gathered afterward to evaluate the film, the sense of the meeting was that here was a motion picture to which young people could relate. One male college student says, "I could identify with TWO A PENNY quite easily. I never listened to Billy Graham before, but I did in this movie!" Another young man volunteered, "I've been away from God and now I'm getting back." And a high school coed added, "It tells it like it is."

In the film story, the girl friend of the principal character, Jamie, a young London "lay-about" is converted by attending a meeting of the London Crusade in the Earl's Court. Because of her changed life, Jamie (played by Cliff Richard) is influenced to "give God a try." At the end of the picture he has not accepted Christ as Saviour, but he prays, "If you're real, Lord, be real to me."

TWO A PENNY will be an exciting and challenging vehicle by which one may bring an unsaved person face to face with Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. TWO A PENNY provides the CHURCH with a valid evangelistic tool to win people to Christ.

One girl said, "I've been in situations where there have been people with whom I wanted to share Christ's love and I had no way of expressing myself. Now I can take them to see TWO A PENNY." One remark was, "Because Jamie did not find Christ, I feel compelled to go out and find boys like him and complete the ending."

A young minister said, "We have to rely on the Holy Spirit to convict people and lead them to an understanding of what it really means to accept Jesus Christ. I think the film TWO A PENNY gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to work by allowing people to identify with Jamie and Carol in the struggle to find themselves. I think the solution was given, not in the sense that 'Billy Graham had the answer,' but rather that he pointed to the answer, and the Holy Spirit himself went to work."

Each of us, as Christians, has the opportunity to witness by taking someone with us to see this truly remarkable film.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could forget our troubles as quickly as we forget our blessings? — Baltimore News-American



Rev. Troy Massey and Rev. E. C. Farr